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Dear Councillor Gardiner,

I would like to express my thanks to you and the committee for the opportunity to attend the meeting on 4th January and speak about the valuable work of the Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership.

The partnership and support team undertake valuable work improving safety for the citizens of Nottingham and the scrutiny and constructive challenge offered by the committee will no doubt be of benefit as we continue these endeavours in the coming years.

The committee have provided an excellent set of recommendations and I have addressed each of these in turn below.

To look at how joint working with bordering Local Authorities can be strengthened to improve services

- A programme of joint working between the CDP and Safer Nottinghamshire Board was developed during 2022. Initially this is focused on modern slavery & exploitation and Prevent, with the intention to consider further areas, such as joint analytical products and communications plans, in the coming years. This work will support the community safety strand of devolution and builds upon well established cross-authority working in relation to substance use, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

To liaise with the Portfolio Holder responsible for housing, as the CDP Plan identifies the removal of Selective Licensing as a risk to increasing anti-social behaviour

- The Head of Community Safety will arrange a discussion with the relevant Portfolio Holder to discuss the concerns raised in the CDP Strategic Assessment.

To seek to improve communication with other local and national organisations to share best practice

- Community Safety staff are part of national forums and discussions, including those managed by the Local Government Association and Core Cities network. As a result of their expertise and experience a number of staff are also members of specialist panels and other arrangements convened by central government departments. The Community Safety service and broader partnership are always open to learning from other areas and specialisms and will seek to maximise these opportunities in future.

To work to develop a more consistent approach to the response to anti-social behaviour across partners

- This is a recognised problem and work is underway to develop a more holistic system that better serves the needs of citizens. This is being undertaken with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Nottinghamshire Police and district and county councils. Further information will be provided as new or revised policies are developed. It is vital to recognise the importance of individuals delivering on the ground at a neighbourhood level and sharing information with each other in real time – this is the essence of local problem solving.

Ensure that future reports include information on male domestic abuse survivors as well as female


- Nottingham City Council commission Equation to deliver the service for male survivors in the city. Data in relation to this service is routinely reported both internally as part of contract management and in a partnership setting as part of the joint commissioning arrangements with the OPCC and Integrated Care Board. Equation were not present at the committee meeting and therefore were not asked to provide data. We can of course provide any data or information that is requested – if the committee requires further information on male survivors then this will be supplied on request.

To provide information on the statistics for drug treatment success rates

- Information relating to substance use can be found in the latest Public Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment [here](#). Information relating to treatment outcomes can be found on pages 33-44.

Should you wish to discuss these or any other matters in more detail then please get in touch. Thank you again for the opportunity to attend the committee.

Yours sincerely

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